

Claims

What is claimed is:

1. A method of assigning hidden object presentation properties to objects within a presentation graphics application, the method comprising:

providing at least one user-selectable hidden object presentation property for a selected object, said object being within a presentation page, said at least one hidden object presentation property indicating at least one display attribute for which the selected object is presented during a computer-driven presentation, said computer-driven presentation being deliverable on a plurality of logical displays;
and

in response to a user selection, associating a selected hidden object presentation property with said selected object.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein said at least one hidden object presentation property includes a property designating an object as visible only to a presenter.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein said at least one hidden object presentation property includes a property designating an object as visible to an audience meeting a criteria.

4. The method of claim 3, wherein said criteria is an indicator selected from the group consisting of security clearance and privacy level.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein said associating includes associating a plurality of hidden object presentation properties with said selected object.

6. The method of claim 5, wherein at least one of said plurality of hidden object presentation properties is only associated with a portion of said selected object.

7. The method of claim 1, further comprising grouping a set of objects into a compound object.

8. The method of claim 7, wherein said providing and said associating are performed on the compound object.

9. The method of claim 8, further comprising

retaining hidden object presentation properties associated with individual objects within the set of objects.

10. The method of claim 9, wherein hidden object presentation properties associated with the compound object take precedence over retained hidden object presentation properties associated with individual objects within the set of objects grouped into the compound object.

11. The method of claim 9, further comprising:

ungrouping said compound object; and

restoring retained hidden object presentation properties for all objects ungrouped from the compound object.

12. The method of claim 1, wherein said providing includes presenting a dialog box, the dialog box including all valid hidden object presentation properties for the selected object.

13. A method of displaying a computer-driven presentation on a plurality of logical displays, the method comprising:

providing at least one user-selectable display attribute for each of said plurality of logical displays, said at least one display attribute indicating hidden object properties of objects to be presented on each logical display during the computer-driven presentation, said objects being within presentation pages;

in response to a user selection, assigning one of said at least one display attribute to each of said plurality of logical displays; and

presenting, on each of said plurality of logical displays, all objects associated with hidden object presentation properties indicated by the at least one display attribute assigned to each of said plurality of logical displays.

14. The method of claim 13, wherein said at least one display attribute includes an attribute indicating that objects viewable only by a presenter are to be displayed.

15. The method of claim 13, wherein said at least one display attribute includes an attribute indicating that objects viewable by an audience meeting a criteria are to be displayed.

16. The method of claim 15, wherein said criteria is an indicator selected from the group consisting of security clearance and privacy level.

17. The method of claim 13, wherein one of said plurality of logical displays is a portable computing device display screen.

18. The method of claim 17, wherein another of said plurality of logical displays is selected from the group consisting of an external monitor, a projector, and a television monitor.

19. At least one program storage device readable by a machine, embodying at least one program of instructions executable by the machine to perform a method of assigning hidden object presentation properties to objects within a presentation graphics application, the method comprising:

providing at least one user-selectable hidden object presentation property for a selected object, said object being within a presentation page, said at least one hidden object presentation property indicating at least one display attribute for which the selected object is presented during a computer-driven presentation, said computer-driven presentation being deliverable on a plurality of logical displays; and

in response to a user selection, associating a selected hidden object presentation property with said selected object.

20. The at least one program storage device of claim 19, wherein said at least one hidden object presentation property includes a property designating an object as visible only to a presenter.

21. The at least one program storage device of claim 19, wherein said at least one hidden object presentation property includes a property designating an object as visible to an audience meeting a criteria.

22. The at least one program storage device of claim 21, wherein said criteria is an indicator selected from the group consisting of security clearance and privacy level.

23. The at least one program storage device of claim 19, wherein said associating includes associating a plurality of hidden object presentation properties with said selected object.

24. The at least one program storage device of claim 23, wherein at least one of said plurality of hidden object presentation properties is only associated with a portion of said selected object.

25. The at least one program storage device of claim 19, further comprising grouping a set of objects into a compound object.

26. The at least one program storage device of claim 25, wherein said providing and said associating are performed on the compound object.

27. The at least one program storage device of claim 26, further comprising

retaining hidden object presentation properties associated with individual objects within the set of objects.

28. The at least one program storage device of claim 27, wherein hidden object presentation properties associated with the compound object take precedence over retained hidden object presentation properties associated with individual objects within the set of objects grouped into the compound object.

29. The at least one program storage device of claim 27, further comprising:

ungrouping said compound object; and

restoring retained hidden object presentation properties for all objects ungrouped from the compound object.

30. The at least one program storage device of claim 19, wherein said providing includes presenting a dialog box, the dialog box including all valid hidden object presentation properties for the selected object.

31. At least one program storage device readable by a machine, embodying at least one program of instructions executable by the machine to perform a method of displaying a computer-driven presentation on a plurality of logical displays, the method comprising:

providing at least one user-selectable display attribute for each of said plurality of logical displays, said at least one display attribute indicating hidden object properties of objects to be presented on each logical display during the computer-driven presentation, said objects being within presentation pages;

in response to a user selection, assigning one of said at least one display attribute to each of said plurality of logical displays; and

presenting, on each of said plurality of logical displays, all objects associated with hidden object presentation properties indicated by the at least one display attribute assigned to each of said plurality of logical displays.

32. The at least one program storage device of claim 31, wherein said at least one display attribute includes an attribute indicating that objects viewable only by a presenter are to be displayed.

33. The at least one program storage device of claim 31, wherein said at least one display attribute includes an attribute indicating that objects viewable by an audience meeting a criteria are to be displayed.

34. The at least one program storage device of claim 33, wherein said criteria is an indicator selected from the group consisting of security clearance and privacy level.

35. The at least one program storage device of claim 31, wherein one of said plurality of logical displays is a portable computing device display screen.

36. The at least one program storage device of claim 35, wherein another of said plurality of logical displays is selected from the group consisting of an external monitor, a projector, and a television monitor.